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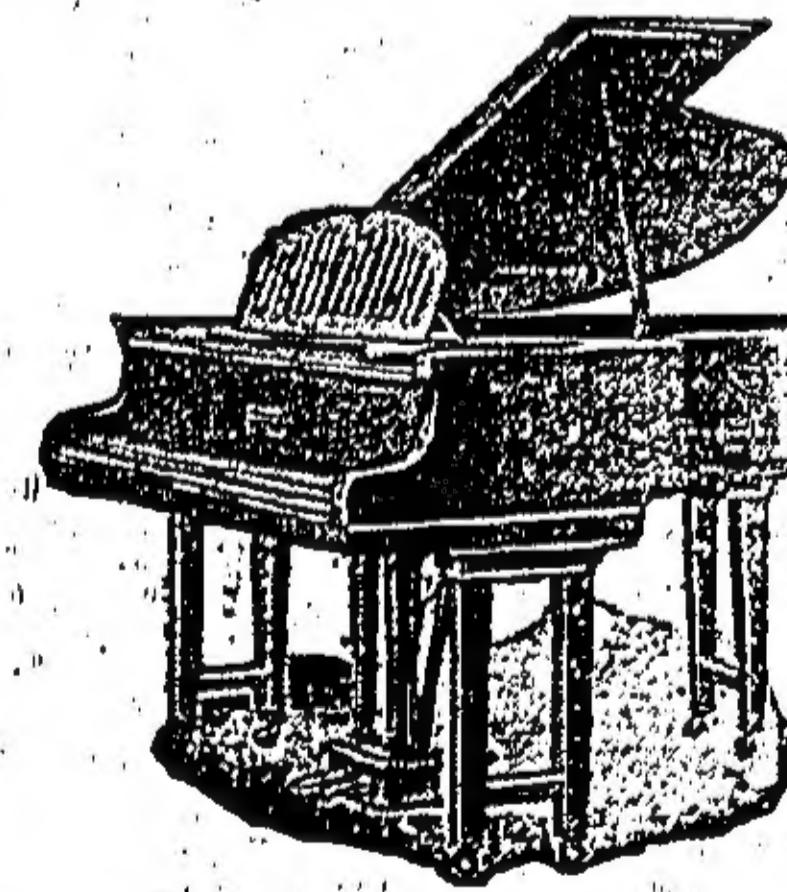
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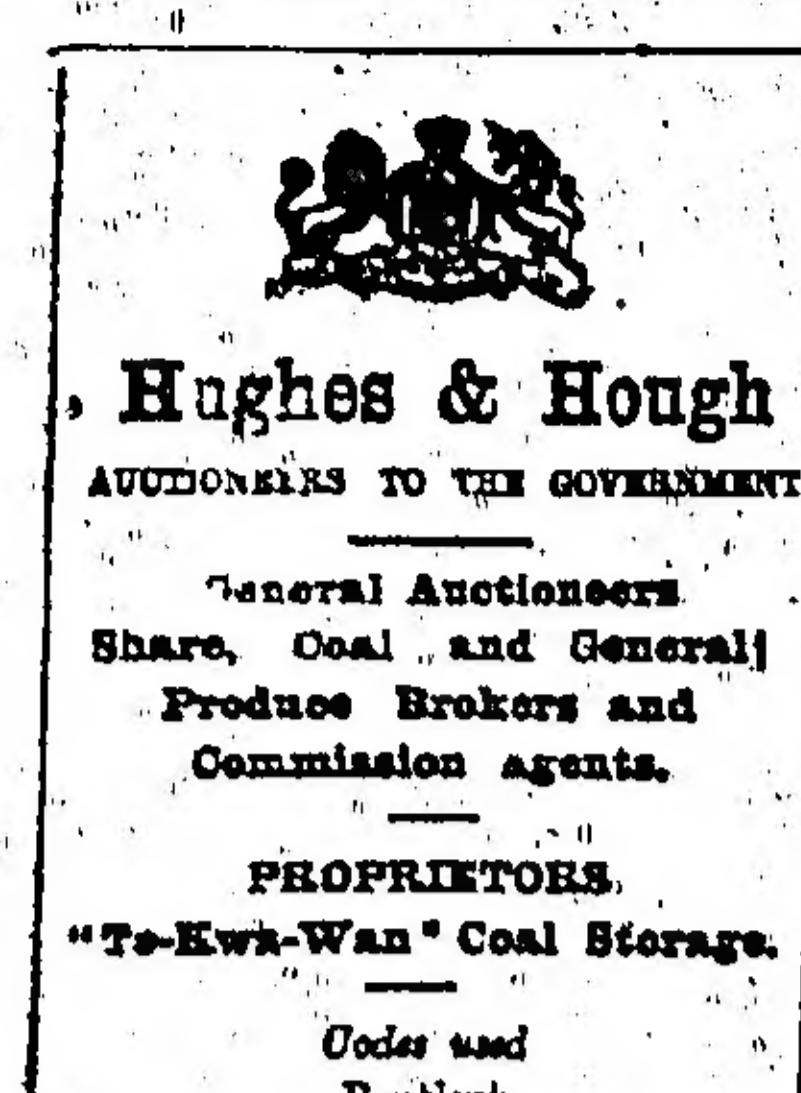
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THE Undersigned have received instructions from H. M. VICTUALLING STORE OFFICER, to sell by Public Auction,

ON THURSDAY,

March 6, 1919, at 10:30 a.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, Corner of

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A QUANTITY OF

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from The Hon. The DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS to sell by Public Auction

at the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Coy.'s Premises,

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As follows:-

250 Rails weight about 53 tons.

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Hongkong, Feb. 27, 1919.

### INTIMATIONS.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

THE THIRTY-FIFTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, on TUESDAY, March 4, 1919, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending December 31, 1918, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, February 27, 1919, UNTIL TUESDAY, March 4, 1919, both days inclusive.

SHewan, TOME & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, Feb. 21, 1919.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE FINAL DIVIDEND DECLARED for the Year ending 31st December 1918, at the rate of Two Pounds five shillings Sterling together with a Bonus of One Pound ten shillings Sterling per share, is payable on and after MONDAY the 24th day of February Current, at the Offices of the Corporation, where Shareholders are required to apply for Warrants.

By ORDER of the COURT OF DIRECTORS,

N. J. STABE,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, Feb. 22, 1919.

NOTICE.

BANK OF CHINA.

UNDER instructions from Head Office, Peking, a branch of the above Bank has this day been established in Hongkong at No. 20 and 21 Connaught Road and the following officers have been appointed and authorised to sign on behalf of the Bank.

Mr. Tsuyee Pei ..... Manager.

Mr. D. R. McEwen ..... Sub-Manager.

Mr. Li Hsi Yin ..... Assistant Manager.

Hongkong, Feb. 26, 1919.

NOTICE.

NATIONAL LOAN OF THE FOURTH YEAR OF THE REPUBLIC (1915).

SUBSCRIBERS to the above Loan

are hereby notified that redemption of the bonds drawn at Peking on the 27th January last will begin on the 17th February, 1919.

Payment in cash or its equivalent will be made at the Bank of China and Bank of Communication or any of the branches of the above Banks and also at the Shanghai Office of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

Any Bond of which the following

are the two terminal numbers, namely:

01, 04, 14, 18, 22, 24, 37, 48, 56, 66, 69, 72, 78, 81, 98, is a drawn Bond.

F. A. AGLEN  
Inspector General of Customs.

NATIONAL LOAN OF THE FOURTH YEAR OF THE REPUBLIC (1915).

IN connection with the first drawing

of the above Loan holders of drawn Bonds are requested to note that Coupon No. 8 maturing on the 12th April, 1919, will be available for payment to the extent of TWO-THIRDS of its value any time on or after the 17th February, 1919. The remaining third of the value will be held to represent the unexpired period from date of redemption to date of maturity and no claim for interest will be admitted in respect thereto.

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NOTICE.

Communications relating to news should be addressed to THE EDITOR.

Correspondents must forward their names and addresses with any communication addressed to the Editor, not necessarily for publication, but as evidence of good faith.

All matter for publication should be written on one side of the paper only.

Letters relating to business should be addressed to THE MANAGER.

Rate of subscription to "China Mail" is \$30 per annum; per quarter and per month pro rata.

The "China Mail" is delivered free at subscribers in Hongkong and Kowloon.

Postage is charged at the rate of fifth class per annum.

Order for extra copies of the "China Mail" should be sent as soon as possible as the supply is limited. Cash 10 cts. Credit 20 cts. per copy.

Rate of subscription to the "Overland China Mail" is \$12 per annum; postage \$1 per annum extra. Single copy twenty-five cents each.

Alterations and additions to Advertisements on Pages 2, 3, 6, 7, 8 and 9 should be sent to the Office, No. 5, Wyndham Street, not later than 11.30 a.m.

All cast and damaged cargo will be landed into the Company's Godown, where they will be examined on March 6, 1919, at 10 a.m.

After March 10, 1919,

T. DAIGO,  
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Hongkong, Feb. 26, 1919.

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## DEATHS.

pilot, Foochow, aged 59 years.

EITZEN.—At Tokio, on February 26, Jürgen Eitzen, Actg. Charge d'Affairs and Consul-General for Norway, who is 42 years.

The China Mail.

TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, Feb. 28, 1919.

## SWEARING.

A case in the Summary Court was adjourned yesterday in order that one of the parties might "substantiate" his statements by cutting off a cook's head. It is a long time since Thomas Clifton Anstey, an Attorney-General here, devoted a good deal of knowledge, research, and energy to prevent further nonsense of that sort. To begin with, Mr. Anstey pointed out that, except for their small acquaintance with British courts, the Chinese knew nothing of judicial oaths. "Our pertinacity in forcing strange oaths upon Chinamen," he wrote, "who from time immemorial have been famous for taking no oath at all in courts of justice, had excited much ridicule amongst us that laughter-love people." It was in 1851, when a report on the Chinese Oath was made, that the Chief Justice, finding the previous method of burning a slip of red or yellow paper did more harm than good, bethought him of the ordeal of the cutting off of the head. In yesterday's case a temple to perform this mumbo-jumbo. According to Norton Kyah, the local historian, it had to be done "under the canopy of heaven," with appropriate imprecations, such as Lloyd George, which in Wales, that if he prove false to his principles, may his tongue cleave to the roof of his mouth. It was an ordeal popular among Chinese litigants, but not an oath as we understand it, nor such as would bind the ordinary Chinese to tell the truth in connection with it, the witness once.

One? A false witness would be careful not to. As Mr. Anstey wrote, "Asians in general, and the Chinese in particular, take a singular pleasure in evading and over-reaching any law of ceremonial imposed upon them by foreigners." A simpler and probably more effective form was devised at Shanghai by a Sinologue, who told the witness he must speak the truth, and if he did not there would be judgment from heaven upon him. This gentleman explained that the Chinese believe in Heaven and Earth, as one supreme entity. They have no idea of anything like a personal deity, but this particular witness believed that if he did or said anything wrong, he would be punished in the course of nature by heaven and earth as one power. The right idea is not, as so many of our judges seem to think, to have some impressive piece of mumbo-jumbo ceremonial, regardless of the party's inward convictions; but to pledge something he holds sacred. Swearing with the hand on the "thigh," so common in the Old Testament, would not satisfy these saucy-breaking, cock-murdering cranks, yet it is perhaps still the most solemn oath that an Arab or an Egyptian can take. As the other-worldly beliefs of the Chinese are distinctly vague, and do not seem to worry them unduly, a scale of fines (expressed in the dollars in which they do unequivocally believe) might be read out to them, as liable to be imposed on unsatisfactory witnesses. It is obvious enough that there's nothing easier than for a sceptical Chinese to bluff a magistrate by volunteering the ordeal of the decapitated fowl. It is as if an atheist were to say: Believe what I say, because I have kissed the book on it. At the same time, since Anstey denounced this method of swearing Chinese, it may be that it has acquired the force of new superstition. One of our staff informs us that some of the modern Chinese believe that if they tell lies after cutting off the cock's head, they will have seven years of bad luck. For those who do believe so, the ceremony must indeed be a binding one.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

To-day's dollar is up a little. 3s. 17/16d.

Owing to the races football matches due to be played to-morrow are cancelled.

To-day's return of communicable disease is six cases of cerebro-spinal fever, all Chinese and all fatal.

The Admiral Line are to-day removing their office to their permanent quarters on the fifth floor of the Hotel Mansions building.

The "Canton Times" says that the athletic meeting yesterday was a great success, as many as 4,247 athletes and students taking part.

H.E. The General Officer Commanding inspected the military installation from Siberia on a hospital ship on February 24 and visited all the cot cases.

Mr. E. G. Anderson, wife of the Peruvian Consul in Hongkong is leaving in a few days for a six months holiday in the States. His official duties prevent Mr. Anderson from leaving the Colony.

Germans have been warned to assemble in Canton for repatriation early next month. The "Canton Times" says that missionaries will probably be permitted to remain. But they are the worst.

At St. John's Cathedral, The Preacher at the 11 o'clock service on Sunday morning will be the Rev. F. C. Todd of the Episcopacy Church of the United States of America. Dr. Neville Bradley will preach in the evening service (6 o'clock).

To-night's in the second round for the Open Billiard Championship is between Tai Ming Tak and J. Parkes. In last night's game, Mr. W. R. Neighbour beat Mr. A. G. Pile by 41 points. Both men played well, breaks of over 20 being frequent. The best break, which happens also to be the biggest in the tournament so far, was 58 by Mr. Neighbour.

Henry Ford, motor-car manufacturer, makes his debut as an editor when his new weekly, known as the "Dearborn Independent," Henry Ford's International Weekly, makes its first appearance. The paper is published at Dearborn. Ford's hometown near Detroit, carries no advertisements, and Ford says he will spend \$2,000,000 to make it a success. Mr.

There was some lively booking this morning at Mouries' for "Picnic and the Fairies" to be produced on the evenings of March 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 and Matinee March 26 and a successful financial result may be anticipated for the Gala Night in aid of the Hongkong War Memorial Fund. We are requested to state that the curtain will rise on the matinee at 4.30 p.m. and on the evening performances at 9.15 p.m. Owing to the magnitude of the production and the many musical numbers (of which there are no less than 25) each performance must start sharp to time and the public are therefore requested to make every effort to be seated in good time, as much out of consideration for the young players as for those around them.

THE SIBERIAN AND C. E. RAILWAYS.

The following additional Memorandum in connexion with the Siberian and Chinese Eastern Railways is published:

1.—Viscount Uchida will forward the amended plan to Viscount Ishii, the Japanese Ambassador at Washington, with instructions to present it to the State Department, explaining that it is submitted on the understanding that Mr. Stevens, the American expert, is named as President of the railways.

2.—The Inter-Allied Committee shall consist of one representative of China, France, Great Britain, Italy, Japan, Russia and the United States: leaving the question of the Czechoslovaks to be discussed at a later date.

3.—Each of the above governments shall select one technical railway expert for membership of the Technical Board.

4.—The selection of Mr. Stevens as President shall not prevent his selection as a member of the Technical Board.

5.—Japan and the United States at once advise the above associated governments of the agreed plan, including the understanding with reference to the selection of Mr. Stevens and shall request their adherence and cordial co-operation.

6.—This plan shall be interpreted as a sincere effort temporarily to operate the Chinese-Eastern and Trans-Siberian railways in the interest of the Russian people, with a view to their ultimate return to those possessing interests in them, without impairing their existing rights, and that, in entrusting to Mr. Stevens the technical operations of these lines, it is understood that Japan and the United States are both prepared to give him the authority and support necessary to make his efforts successful.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held in the Council Chamber at 4 p.m. yesterday.

There were present: H.E. the Officer Administering the Government (Mr. Claude Stevens, C.M.G.).

H.E. the General Officer Commanding the Troops (Major-General FRANCIS VENTRIS).

The Colonial Secretary, Hon. Mr.

A. G. M. FLETCHER.

The Attorney-General, Hon. Mr.

J. H. KEMP, K.C., C.B.E.

The Colonial Treasurer, Hon. Mr.

C. McL. MSSON, O.B.E.

The Director of Public Works, Hon. Mr. W. CHATHAM, C.M.G.

The Captain Superintendent of Police, Hon. Mr. E. D. C. WOLFE.

The Secretary for Chinese Affairs, Hon. Mr. E. R. HALIFAX, O.B.E.

Hon. Mr. D. LANDALE.

Hon. Mr. LAU CHU-PAS.

Hon. Mr. HO FOOK.

Hon. Mr. R. G. SHREWSTYAN.

Hon. Mr. H. E. POLLARD, K.C.

Hon. Mr. P. H. HOTWELL.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on January 30, were confirmed. It was then proposed by the Hon. the Colonial Secretary, seconded by the Hon. the Colonial Treasurer, and agreed, that the Financial Minutes, Nos. 9 and 10, be referred to the Finance Committee.

The Report of the Fine Ice Committee No. 1, was laid on the table and passed.

The Jury List for 1919 was then laid on the table and it was proposed to deal with the same later in private.

The Hon. Mr. D. H. HOLYOAK then put the following questions which were answered by the Hon. the Colonial Secretary as follows:

QUESTION 1.

With reference to the following resolution unanimously passed at a crowded Public Meeting at the Theatre Royal on the 7th November last:

"That the Government be asked to appoint a Commission to enquire into the Housing Problem and transact questions in connection with the same."

and submitted to the Government in a covering letter from the Constitutional Reform Association on the 8th November to which the Government replied on the 15th November that "the Resolution quoted therein will be laid before His Excellency the Governor on his return to the Colony."

In view of the resignation of His Excellency Sir Henry May, will the Government take steps to secure for Hongkong, as public War Souvenirs, some of the Guns of the Germans?

The matter has been referred to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, who has replied that every endeavour will be made to allocate suitable War Trophies to Colonies as soon as any general distribution of Trophies is made.

QUESTION 2.

With reference to the following telegrams despatched by Reuter's Agent to Reuter's Head Office in London on the 8th November:

"Large Public Meeting resolved unanimously that Germans deported from the Colony to Australia should at the conclusion of the War not be permitted to return to Hongkong or China but be repatriated to Germany."

The Meeting reaffirmed the unaltered conviction that no German subject be allowed to reside in the Colony or trade here for a period of years."

on the 9th January—

"At a Public Meeting it was unanimously resolved to telegraph the Secretary of State for the Colonies asking for reform in the Constitution of the Legislative Council to secure the increase of 6 to 9 of unofficial members of this Council. Other measures are in preparation for the consideration of Honourable Members at an early date, and it is unlikely that a Commission will be necessary in order to carry them into effect; and the Praya East Reclamation Scheme will it is hoped be proceeded with during this year. In view of their exceptional urgency and importance the matters in question are being pushed on as fast as possible but it is not proposed, in the absence of a Governor, to take any steps as regards the appointment of a Commission."

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QUESTION 4.

Will the Government state whether these telegrams were suppressed or not by the Cable Censor, under instruction from the Government, and if so why?

ANSWER.

The telegrams were not stopped or interfered with in any way.

QUESTION 5.

Will the Government state when

the last census was taken in 1911 and the next one will be taken in 1921 in the ordinary course?

With reference to Question 3 the Hon. Mr. HOLYOAK said he would urge the Government to make representations to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, specially in connection with the censorship of private and press telegrams.

H.E. the Officer Administering the Government, in reply, said the Government had already done so but it could not promise any immediate amendment.

The first reading of the following Bill was proposed by the Hon. Mr. HOLYOAK, proposed by the Hon. Mr. POLLOCK, seconded by the Hon. Mr. COLONIAL TREASURER.

First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to restrict temporarily the persons who may engage in business connected with certain non-ferrous metals and metallic ores.

First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to prohibit the carrying on of banking business for the benefit of or under the control of certain persons.

First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Summary Offences Ordinance, 1845, to 1918.

The Hon. Mr. HOLYOAK proposed, and the Hon. Mr. POLLOCK seconded, the first reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to authorise the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited, to convert its silver capital into gold.

The meeting went into Committee to consider the Financial Minutes Nos. 9 and 10.

No. 9.—The Council to vote a sum of Fifteen thousand Dollars (\$15,000) in aid of the vote Public Works Extraordinary, Hongkong, Miscellaneous, (24) Miscellaneous Works.

This is a vote, a sum having been provided last year. The Government is providing fourteen funds at an average cost of \$1,100 each.

No. 10.—The Council to vote a sum of Six hundred Dollars (\$600) in aid of the vote Miscellaneous Services, Languages, Study Allowances.

This is to provide Chinese teachers for the Police and Sanitary Inspectors who before have had to provide

their own.

Coming out of Committee the Council adjourned sine die.

QUESTION 6.

Will the Government take steps

to urge the Admiralty to include

Hongkong in the tour of the Grand Fleet which it has been announced

will be sent to Australia, New Zealand, and India?

ANSWER.

The Admiralty have been asked to

consider the possibility of including

Hongkong in the tour of the Grand

Fleet.

QUESTION 7.

Will the Government take steps

to urge the Admiralty to include

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ANSWER.

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## COMPANY MEETING.

## HONGKONG HOTEL CO., LTD.

An extraordinary meeting of the Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited, was held at the Registered Office of the Company, at noon to-day for the purpose of confirming the resolution passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on Feb. 8. The resolution was that the Articles of Association be altered in manner following, viz.—

"In Article 82, the word 'five' shall be substituted for the word 'four'."

The effect of this resolution will be to increase the maximum number of Directors from four to five.

Mr. F. Maitland presided and those present included Sir Ellis Kadoorie, Messrs. J. Scott Harston and A. O. Lang, (Directors) and of the shareholders, Messrs. A. S. Gubbay, C. S. Gubbay, W. Logan, A. E. Crappell, D. Somkech, E. M. Raymond, Fung Tat-Hang, Lo Cheung-shui, M. Manuk and J. H. Taggart, Secretary and Manager. The Secretary and Manager having read the notice convening the meeting, Mr. Maitland proposed and Mr. W. Logan seconded that the resolution be passed. This was carried unanimously and the meeting terminated.

## ANNUAL MEETING.

The Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders of the Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited, followed at the Registered Office of the Company at 12.15 p.m. to-day for the purpose of receiving the Report of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending December 31, 1918.

Mr. F. Maitland presided and those present included Sir Ellis Kadoorie, Messrs. J. Scott Harston and A. O. Lang, (Directors) and of the Shareholders, Messrs. A. S. Gubbay, C. S. Gubbay, W. Logan, A. E. Crappell, D. Somkech, E. M. Raymond, B. Wylie, Ho Wing, Fung Tat-Hang, Lo Cheung Shiu, A. R. Lowe, M. Manuk and J. H. Taggart, Secretary and Manager.

The Chairman requested the Secretary to read the notice convening the meeting and this being done he said—

"Gentlemen.—The Report and Accounts together with the Auditors' Certificate have been in your hands for several days, and with your permission I shall adopt the usual procedure and take same as read."

The Profit on Working Account for the year under review amounted to \$185,275.42, as compared with \$180,890.75 for the corresponding period of 1917, being an increase of \$5,484.66.

The Profit and Loss Account including the sum of \$78,245.39 brought forward from 31st December, 1917, amounted to \$251,45.80, and after deducting the interim Dividend amounting to \$60,000—paid in September, 1918, the sum of \$191,045.30 remains, which the Directors recommend apportioning as follows:—

To pay a final dividend of \$300 per share on 20,000 shares.....\$60,000.00 To write off Buildings... 22,526.00 To write off Furniture and Fixtures..... 14,021.04 To write off Steam Launch..... 700.00 To transfer to General Reserve..... 50,000.00 To carry forward to New Account..... 43,793.26 Total..... \$191,045.30

I would draw your attention to the fact that, in the Balance Sheet the Reserve Fund, amounting to \$548,975.78, has been split; \$548,975.78 being earmarked reserve fund against land and buildings, and \$100,000—as general reserve, in view of the fact that the former amount represents appreciation in value of land as at 1905, and the balance of \$100,000.—voted out of the profits from time to time. Your Directors deem it advisable to make this slight alteration with a view to setting forth clearly the method by which these amounts were arrived at; thus considerably facilitating matters should occasion arise whereby additions to, or appropriations from, these funds become necessary in the future.

I also desire to point out that the increase in overdraft with the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation is due to the fact of our carrying large stocks of Wines, etc., which have been acquired at favourable prices from time to time, and these purchases have tended in a measure to stabilize our profits, and counteract in some degree the heavy increase in cost of other necessities.

I venture to think that you will agree with me, gentlemen, that the result for the past year is extremely satisfactory, and taking into consideration the vicissitudes through which we have passed, we can congratulate ourselves upon the shewing of the past four years. With the outbreak of War, and gradual withdrawal of shipping facilities, the tourist trade which formed the nucleus of our profitable revenue, was almost completely suspended. Nevertheless the expenses of maintaining a considerable establishment increased by leaps and bounds, and in 1915 it became necessary to effect drastic reconstruction in order to augment our earning powers in other directions, and thus prevent what possibly would have resulted in a strong retrograde movement in the matter of revenue. Our catering

## TO-DAY'S CABLES.

## "NORE" AND "NOVARA."

The medical authorities of the Straits and F.M.S. gave very amicable support to the Government's protest against the commandeering of passage accommodation for repatriated Germans at a meeting in the Singapore Cricket Club on Feb. 18 when it was decided to cable Sir William Watson Cheyne, the eminent surgeon and M.P. for the University of Edinburgh and St Andrews, asking him to bring the question before Parliament. There were present at the meeting Dr. D. J. Galloway, S. H. R. Lucy (P.C.M.O.), F. B. Croucher, Major N. Black, M.C., G. A. Finlayson, J. A. R. Glennie, E. A. Elder, N. Clarke, J. A. Scharenguivel, M. W. Chill, Wheeler (Kuala Selangor), J. H. Harris and S. C. Yin, says the Straits Times.

On the proposition of Dr. Lucy, seconded by Dr. Glennie, Dr. Galloway was voted to the chair.

The Chairman explained that, as they were aware, the meeting of the members of the medical profession was called to see what steps they could take to annul or at least mitigate the arbitrary action of the Home Government in commandeering certain vessels which had been practically reserved for the repatriation of their own women and children.

At medical men, they knew that during the last year or two they had had to face clinical problems with which prior to 1914 they were practically unacquainted. Those clinical problems were nothing more nor less than the effects of prolonged compulsory residence in a climate such as this, and they had had and still had only one remedy, the obvious one of leaving the Colony as soon as possible.

Impressed by these conditions which they had found in their practice, they joined hands with their colleagues of the F.M.S. some months ago in sending a suggestion to the Government that they should see to it that accommodation was made available as early as possible in the year for the repatriation of their own women and children.

Those matters seemed to be in a fair way to arranging themselves, when on Saturday the 1st March, at 2.15 p.m., the University will be represented by—A. H. Rumjahn (Capt.) W. Gittins, G. E. Marley, J. D. Wright, F. A. Redmond, K. S. Lim, Cheu Sin Kah, R. A. Basto, T. L. Cheah, M. P. Choa. Reserve—V. Atienza.

## LEAGUE CRICKET.

## KOWLOON C.C. v UNIVERSITY.

In the above match to be played on the Kowloon C.C. Ground on Saturday, the 1st March, at 2.15 p.m., the University will be represented by—A. H. Rumjahn (Capt.) W. Gittins, G. E. Marley, J. D. Wright, F. A. Redmond, K. S. Lim, Cheu Sin Kah, R. A. Basto, T. L. Cheah, M. P. Choa. Reserve—V. Atienza.

business has been considerably extended, additional stores and refrigerators installed, and this department worked up to a standard which have no hesitation in saying compares very favourably with first class Hotels at Home, these extensions coupled with the strong financial position of the Company today justifies us in looking to the future with optimism. Notwithstanding the War, improvements have been carried out as in pre-war days mainly with a view to cope with the influx of tourists which we anticipate with the removal of travel restrictions, and resumption of normal shipping facilities.

I will avail myself of the opportunity of roughly outlining our intentions in connection with Repulse Bay. Realising for some time past that there was an urgent need for a seaside resort, and with a view to fulfilling this long felt want, we have acquired an excellent site overlooking unquestionably the finest beach in the Colony. We are erecting thereon a Hotel which will permit of extension from time to time, and though commanding in a modest way, it should be borne in mind that we are pioneering on this side of the Island, and I have no hesitation in saying that with regard to sanitation, service, adequate transportation facilities at moderate rates, combined with beauty of surroundings, the new venture will undoubtedly merit our expectations. The Hotel will be completed towards the latter end of this year, although for residential purposes the accommodation will be somewhat limited until 1920.

I do not propose to detain you further gentlemen, but before formally proposing the adoption of the Report and Accounts, your Directors wish to record special thanks to our Manager, Mr. Taggart, for his untiring energy in the interests of shareholders, and taking into consideration the excellency of the returns, your Board have voted the staff a bonus of 10 per cent. on the salaries for the past year, which action we feel sure will have the support of shareholders.

I now beg to formally propose that the Report and Accounts for the year 1918 as presented be adopted.

This was carried unanimously being proposed by Mr. F. Maitland and seconded by Mr. C. S. Gubbay, Directorate.

Messrs. J. Scott Harston and F. Maitland retiring by rotation offered themselves for re-election, their election being proposed by Mr. Lo Cheung Shiu and seconded by Mr. Wong.

AUDITORS.

Messrs. A. R. Lowe and H. Percy Smith were re-elected auditors at a remuneration of \$500 each on the proposal of Mr. E. M. Raymond, seconded by Mr. Manuk.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Dr. Glennie seconded and stated that the Hon. Mr. Maxwell, acting Colonial Secretary, made it quite clear at the meeting of the Legislative Council on the previous day that the Governor had done every mortal thing that was in his power to forward the interest of British women and children in Malaya, and had forwarded no less than three telegrams. He thought that it was their bounden duty to support him, and by sending a resolution their protest would get home much more quickly and it would tell much more strongly than by a deputation.

The motion was carried.

Dr. Finlayson said that in addition to the resolution they should also, as suggested by Dr. Day, approach the medical committee of the House of Commons. The committee had only recently been formed, under the chairmanship of Sir William Watson Cheyne, and with such a large number of members of the profession in Parliament pressure could be brought to bear as regarded the urgency of their demand.

Dr. Glennie said he quite agreed and was in favour of doing so.

The Chairman said he had sketched a rough resolution which, of course, they were not in the slightest degree bound to follow. It had been drawn up for the purpose of submitting a for discussion.

Eventually the following resolution was adopted: "We, the undersigned medical men in Malaya, wish to associate ourselves with the protests which have been made by others against the action of the Home Government in rendering the *Nore* and *Novara* non-available for the repatriation of the women and children from the Straits and Federated Malay States. Those, on the ground of climate alone, have a paramount claim to primary consideration. We view the postponement of the departure of those from the Colony with the gravest apprehension, and our experience of the last year warrants us in giving an emphatic warning that such postponement cannot be carried out without entailing the gravest risks to the health and lives of numbers of British women and children."

It was mentioned by Dr. Finlayson that he understood the Blue Funnel steamers were to be commanded.

The Chairman said that Mr. Buckley, the P. and O. agent, very kindly telephoned the previous day to the head office in London as follows:

"Medical profession Straits most indignant Admiralty action in giving preference Germans to exclusion of passages 90 British women and children from Straits, those booked by *Nore* *Novara* being most urgent invalid cases, all needing after long residence in tropics immediate change to Europe. Can you make this representation to the Admiralty, which is endorsed by Unofficial Members Legislative Council here?"

It was decided to send the following slight variation of that cable to Sir William Watson Cheyne: "Medical profession Straits most indignant Admiralty action in giving preference German women to exclusion of 90 British women and children from Straits, those booked by *Nore Novara* being most urgent invalid cases all needing after long residence in tropics immediate change to Europe. Strongly urge ask question in Parliament."

Dr. Finlaysen said that a telegram had been sent to Mr. Havelock Wilson.

The Chairman said Yes, the ladies sent a telegram to Mr. Havelock Wilson. Probably more will be done through that than anything else.

Dr. Glennie said he supposed that in sending their resolution to Government a suggestion would be made that it should go home.

The Chairman said he thought that enough had gone home. The resolution would strengthen the Governor's hands, and he might send it home—he probably would.

Dr. Glennie proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding and the meeting terminated. Dr. Galloway leaving at once for the Colonial Secretariat with the proposed cable to Sir William Watson Cheyne.

The Dr. Sharp, as representing the practitioners in Penang, had wired:

"Penang doctors agree urgent strongest action against diverting ships."

Dr. Rathay, of Malacca, secretary of the Society of Estate Medical Officers, had telegraphed;

"Join you in emphatic protest against expropriation of passages for repatriation of Germans. Have called attention urgently to control of passages in connection with approaching monsoon and relative dissociation of climates east and west particularly unfavourable to majority of sick individuals. Surely sick English women and children have waited long enough for opportunities conferred by victory. Feel sure my protest upheld by all signatories to partition to His Excellency on subject."

They would see, therefore, that they were very strongly supported in their efforts to secure the return of the *Nore* and *Novara*.

This was carried unanimously being proposed by Mr. F. Maitland and seconded by Mr. C. S. Gubbay, Directorate.

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This concluded the business of the meeting.

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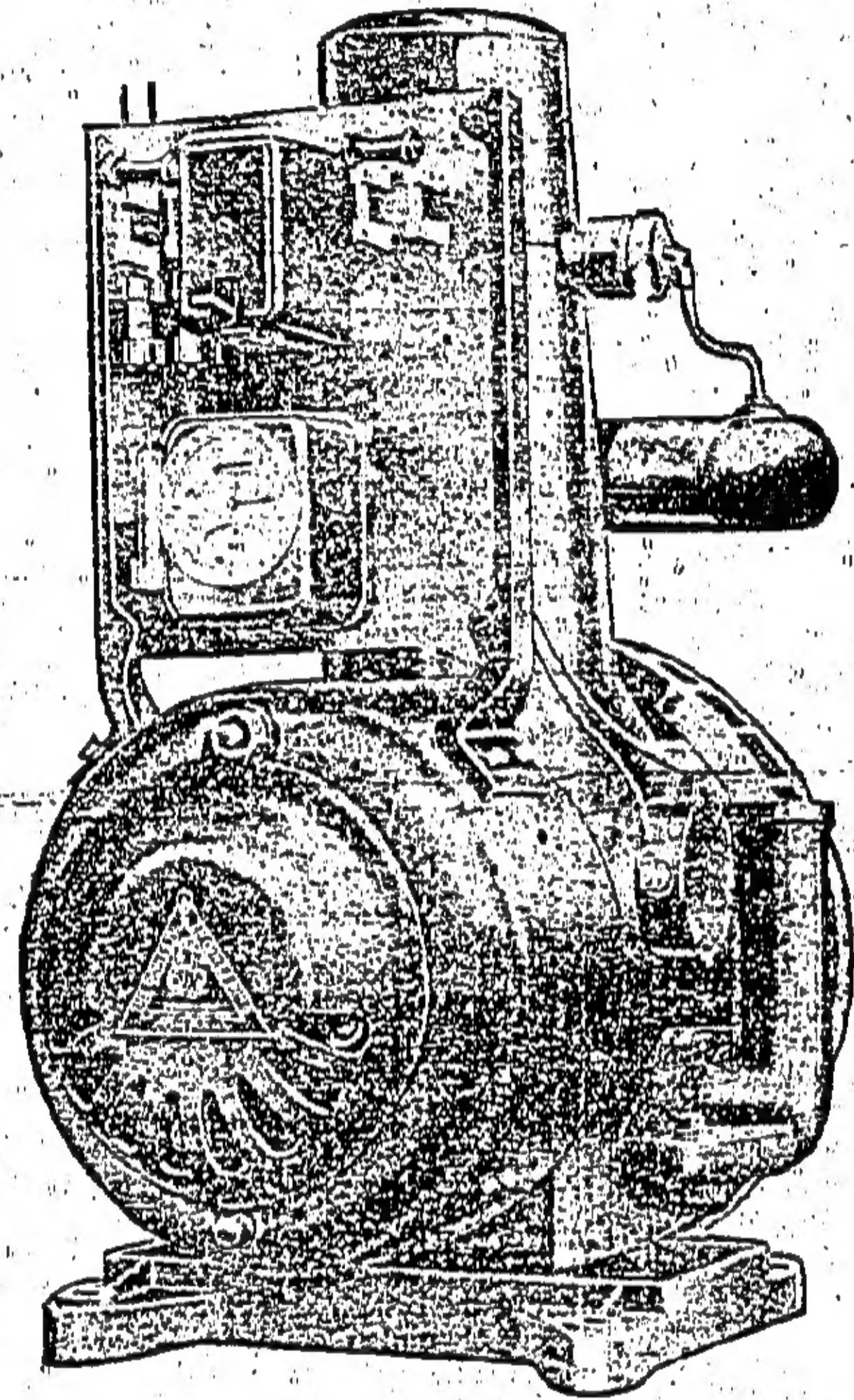
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Bloomfontein	Bolton Castle.....	The Black Line, Limited.....	About 28th Feb.
New York via Panama Canal	Dowell & Co. Ltd.	Beginning of March.	On 1st Mar. at 3 P.M.
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Manila	Fu-hong.....	Jardine, Matheson & C. Ltd.....	About 3rd Mar.
Java	Congo Maru.....	Dowell & Co. Ltd.....	Beginning of March.
Singapore, Raniganj & Calcutta	Raniganj Maru.....	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.....	On 1st Mar. at 11 a.m.
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## SILVER.

Messrs. Mocatta & Goldsmith write in their annual circular:—After the sensational fluctuations in the price of silver during 1917, the movements during the past year appear comparatively unimportant, and one of the features of the market has been the long spell without any change in the price. The highest and lowest quotations during the past twelve months have been 49s and 42s respectively as against 55 and 33 11-16 in 1917. From the end of April the world price of silver was fixed in accordance with the regulations made by the United States Government instead of by the law of supply and demand operating through the London Market as hitherto. As a result of this and partly owing to the fact that the British Treasury has with periodical ascensions fixed the maximum price for silver in the United Kingdom, there have only been five changes in the London quotation since May 2, namely, a fall of 1 to 48s on May 13, a fall of 1-10 to 48 13-16 on July 2, a rise of 11-10 to 49s on Aug. 21, a fall to 48s on Nov. 12 and a fall to 48 7-16 on Dec. 6. All these changes were due to reductions in the rate of insurance with the exception of the rise to 49s, on Aug. 21, which was due to the American Government raising their maximum price to 104 cents. This unexpected action on their part coincided with a drastic alteration in their policy in regard to the granting of export licences, which it was imagined would only be granted to meet essential civil and military requirements. As a result of this policy the China Banks, who had been purchasing and shipping freely for some months, were debared from making further shipments except under exceptional circumstances.

Being unable to ship, the China Banks resold to the Government some two million ounces which they had purchased but for which they were unable to procure licences. Export licences were subsequently granted for a similar amount in November and December, so that the Banks might replace that amount and ship it in time to reach Shanghai before China New Year. Following on the restriction of export licences by the U.S. Government in August, the Canadian Government also prohibited the export of silver except under licence, thus eliminating the possibility of China purchases being made there instead of in the U.S.A. The result of all these enactments to control supply, was to make more silver available for coinage in this country and in India.

The U.S.A. Government were large buyers for coinage during the first four months of the year but do not appear to have made any purchases since. France also bought about £700,000 in the first six months, and Holland and Scandinavia acquired small amounts for coining at the very beginning of the year. With these exceptions it may be said that licences have been refused so persistently both in the U.S.A. and here that neutral and Allied requirements have been subordinated to the urgent necessities of the British and Indian Governments.

The position of China in the silver market has been very different from that of the past two years when, it will be remembered, the China Banks were large sellers, on balance and materially helped to satisfy the requirements of India. During the whole of 1918 China sold no silver to India with the exception of a few small lots early in May, on the rise which occurred as a result of the Pittman Act. On the other hand China has been a large and steady buyer for shipment from San Francisco from the beginning of the year until the restoration of export licences in August, the total shipments from San Francisco to China exceeding 18 million ounces. In spite of these large imports, the stock of silver and dollars, after considerable fluctuations, shows a reduction of 2,000,000 ounces and 1,600,000 dollars respectively on the year.

The drain indicated by these figures is accounted for to some extent by shipments from China to Japan, but the greater part of the outflow has been to other parts of China, the demands from the quarter being no doubt more insistent owing to the extent to which she has been denied of silver by the large exports of the previous two years. It has been unusually difficult to gauge the movements of China Exchange and even to account for the movements after they have occurred, owing to Government restrictions and other effects of the war, the chief of which has been the impossibility of securing tonnage. But it is certain that China's entry into the War during the previous year has been one of the chief causes of the strength of Shanghai Exchange. In addition to the suspension of the service of the Boxer Indemnity made by the Allies and the cancellation of the enemy portion, large payments have had to be made to the Chinese for the use of enemy vessels interned in China. Another factor largely increasing the demand for remittance to the Far East has been the employment behind the lines on the Western Front, of some 150,000 Chinese coolies, part of whose wages are paid in China.

The restriction of export licences last August caused much anxiety to

## AN INDEMNITY ORDINANCE.

The "Straits Times" says:—A Bill entitled an ordinance for indemnifying such persons as have acted in good faith while martial law was in force in the Colony is about to be introduced into the Legislative Council. In the preamble it is stated that whereas it was found necessary by the Governor on the fifteenth day of February, 1915, to proclaim that the Settlement of Singapore should be subject to martial law. And whereas it is desirable to withdraw martial law from the said Settlement and to indemnify acts, matters, and things in good faith advised, commanded, ordered, directed or done while martial law was in force it is enacted, etc.

The objects and reasons state: The object of this Bill is to indemnify all persons in respect of any acts done by them in good faith while martial law was in force in the Settlement of Singapore.

It is customary in every country where martial law has been proclaimed to pass an Act of Indemnity on the termination of such law. The latest instance is the Ceylon Indemnity Order in Council, 1915, which came into operation on the date on which martial law, previously proclaimed in the Colony, was withdrawn by Proclamation of the Governor of the Colony. Other instances in the present century are the Cape Colony Indemnity Acts of 1900 and 1902 and the Natal Indemnity Acts of 1900 and 1901. The latest instance in the last century was the Jamaica Indemnity Act of 1866 which was successfully pleaded by the defendant Governor Eyre in the case of Phillips v. Eye.

There are two theories as to what is the true nature of an Act of Indemnity. One theory is that it is a measure of prudence and grace and that its office is not to justify unlawful acts ex post facto but to quiet doubts. The other theory is that it is a measure legalising illegality and that its very object is to protect officials and others who, in the interest of the country, have in a time of danger pursued a course of conduct which was not strictly legal.

Whichever theory is the correct one, it is obvious from the foregoing that an act of Indemnity is not superfluous, and that it always synchronizes with the termination of martial law.

The Exchange Banks responsible for financing China's trade, and the prospect of getting little or no more silver this year forced them to raise Shanghai Exchange much above the parity of silver at 100s cents per ounce, 5s 9d per tael being quoted from Saturday 18 to the end of that month with business at considerably higher rates. It would seem however that the Banks over estimated their requirements, as during the closing months of the year, Shanghai Exchange has had an easier tendency, formerly being particularly weak with regard to exports and imports of bullion are likely to be removed at present, great hopes are held that we may soon have a free and open silver market, with London as before, the chief distributor to the world. Naturally a good deal of interest is evinced as to the probable course of the market when this much desired state of things is reached. It seems clear that the clause in the "Treaty" Act governing the purchase of the silver in replacement of the dollars melted and sold will prevent any fall much below 47, which is the approximate parity here of one dollar per ounce plus shipping charges.

We hardly think that any requirements for coinage in Europe or America are likely to keep the price much above that level for very long although in some quarters a contrary opinion is held and the question is bound up with international currency arrangements in which sunrises may easily occur. It would therefore appear that the course of silver prices in the future will depend, as in the past, on the demands of India, and in a less degree of China. India has absorbed so much silver during the past three years that there are many who think that with more settled world conditions and lower prices for her exports will be a considerable return of rupees. On the other hand it may be presumed that during the coming year at any rate, India will not get any gold for hoarding or circulation and consequently the balance of trade which, except after bad seasons, is always in her favour will have to be settled entirely in silver.

## HONGKONG DEFENCE CORPS.

Administrative Orders by Major H. E. Morgan, Administrative Commandant.

LEAVES.—Gr. F. E. Ranger, Artillery Company, is granted eight months' leave to date from day of departure.

Pte. H. J. Nairn, Mounted Section, is granted 12 months' leave, to date from day of departure.

Pte. W. H. Preiss, "B" Company, is granted seven months' leave, to date from day of departure.

Pte. D. S. Gubbay, "D" Company, is granted three months' leave, to date from day of departure.

EQUIPMENT BOARD.—The Board will sit at Headquarters from 5.30 to 6 p.m. on the following dates:—Monday, March 3, Friday, March 14, Monday, March 24, and Friday, April 4.

Orders for Infantry Company by Major J. H. W. Armstrong, V.D.

PARADES AT BELCHERS BATTERY.—Monday, March 3.—5.15 p.m. Left Half Coy. Full drill.

Tuesday, March 4.—7.30 a.m. Right Half Coy. Full drill.

Friday, March 7.—7.30 a.m. Right Half Coy. Full drill. 5.15 p.m. Left Half Coy. Full drill.

BOTH HALF COMPANIES.—Gun Practice, Sunday, March 9, Morning, At Belchers.

Gun Practice, Monday, March 10, Evening, At Pakshawan.

Musketry Course, Sunday, March 23, Morning, At Kowloon and Quarry Bay. Full particulars will be issued later.

Orders for Engineers Company, by Captain W. Russell.

Lights will be run at Lyemun on the following dates for firing practice:—5th, 7th and 10th March.

N.C.O.s and Sappers as detailed by the C.S.M., other than Taikoo residents, will parade at Blake Pier at 5 p.m. A launch will return to Blake Pier after practice is completed.

Officers on duty:—5th March, Lieut. Hill and 2nd Lieut. Blackburn; 7th March, Lieut. Brown and Lieut. Marley; 10th March, Lieut. Templeton.

MUSKETRY COURSE.—No. 1 Section will fire their Course on Saturday, 8th March, at 8 a.m. at King's Park. Officers on duty, Captain Russell and Lieut. Stevenson.

No. 2 Section will fire on Sunday, 9th March, at 9 a.m., at King's Park. Officers on duty, Lieut. Hall and 2nd Lieut. Blackburn.

No. 3 Section will fire on Saturday, 8th and Sunday, 9th March, at Taikoo as detailed. Officers on duty, Lieuts. Temperton and Hill.

No. 4 Section will fire on Saturday, 15th March, at 2.30 p.m., at King's Park. Officers on duty, Lieuts. Brown and Marley.

Casuals will fire on Sunday, 16th March, at 9 a.m., at King's Park. Officers on duty, Captain Russell and Lieut. Stevenson.

Musketry Instruction for N.C.O.s as detailed by C.S.M. at Headquarters on Tuesday, 19th and Friday, 23rd March, at 5.15 p.m.

ORDERS FOR INFANTRY BATTALION BY MAJOR H. A. MORGAN.

ANNUAL MUSKETRY COURSE.—Sunday, March 2.—7.30 p.m. No. 7 Platoon (N.C.O.s and men who wish to fire at Quarry Bay) at Taikoo Rifle Range. Annual Musketry Course, Part 3, Practices 15, 16, 17 and 18.

Monday, March 3.—4.30 p.m. Part 1, Practices 3 and 4, at King's Park Range, for all N.C.O.s and men who have completed their T.E.T. (or are exempted from passing them) and have not fired these Practices.

Brees, Drill order with pouches, Platoon, etc. Commanders will see that every man who has to fire attends. Officers in charge, Lieut. F.C. Hall. Two N.C.O.s from No. 1 Platoon (to be detailed by Platoon Commander) will attend to assist.

Wednesday, March 5.—4.30 p.m. Part 2, Practices 5, 6, 7 and 12, at King's Park Range, for all N.C.O.s and men above. Officer in charge, Lieut. Rese. Two N.C.O.s from No. 4 Platoon (to be detailed by Platoon Commander) will attend to assist.

Thursday, March 6.—4.30 p.m. Part 3, Practices 8 and 9, at King's Park Range, for all N.C.O.s and men above. Officer in charge, Lieut. Branch. Two N.C.O.s from No. 7 Platoon (to be detailed by Platoon Commander) will attend to assist.

FRIDAY, MARCH 7.—4.30 p.m. Part 4, Practices 10, 11, 12 and 13, at King's Park Range, for all N.C.O.s and men above. Officer in charge, Lieut. Brum. Two N.C.O.s from No. 8 Platoon (to be detailed by Platoon Commander) will attend to assist.

SUNDAY, MARCH 9.—4.30 p.m. At King's Park Range, Dress, clean fatigue.

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All N.C.O.s and men over 46 years of age who wish to fire their Musketry Course are asked to send their names to the O.C. Company not later than Friday, 7th March.

ORDERS FOR CADET COMPANY BY 2ND LIEUT. J. E. W. BOARD.

PARADES.—Monday, March 3.—11.15 p.m. Nos. 1 and 2 Sections at Headquarters.

Wednesday, March 5.—6.15 p.m. Nos. 3 and 4 Sections at Headquarters.

Wednesday, March 12.—6.15 p.m. Nos. 3 and 4 Sections at Headquarters.

Wednesday, March 19.—6.15 p.m. Nos. 3 and 4 Sections at Headquarters.

WEDNESDAY SECTION.

Sunday, March 3.—10.15 a.m. Nos. 3 and 4 Sections, in Star Ferry.

Sunday, March 10.—10.30 a.m. Nos. 3 and 4 Sections, in Star Ferry.

Sunday, March 17.—10.30 a.m. Nos. 3 and 4 Sections at Star Ferry.

SUNDAY SECTION.

Sunday, March 3.—6.15 p.m. At Jockey Club Stables, Dress, drill order.

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## COMMERCIAL.

THE INDIAN MINTS.

In their report dated December 21, Messrs. Stanhope, Montagu & Co. stated: "The combined value of the two Indian Mints' output" in August last was 55,270,200 rupee up us follows:—Whole rupees (silver) 61,500,024; half rupees (silver) 202,600; quarter rupees (silver) 1,32,488; two annas (nickel) 957,112; one rupee (nickel) 609,000; single piece (nickel) 47,000; pie pieces (nickel) 20,100. As the average speed of coining is estimated at 2,600 coins a minute in Calcutta, and at 1,800 in Bombay, the capacity of the output per second equals 7 coins, with an average value of 45 rupees. If the pieces coined during two months alone at this rate were placed edge to edge, the line would stretch across a space equal to the extreme length of India—from the Hindu Kush to Cape Comorin.

## AMERICAN WHEAT.

The statement that the official forecast of the American winter wheat is that it will total 565,000,000 bushels, and will break the record by 80,000,000 bushels, is evidently based on the area seeded. Assuming that in eight months' time the crop mentioned has come scutched through all the fields which growth shown in the autumn is subject—winter kill, dry drought, &c.—the result mentioned is only a matter of calculation. In 1911 the winter wheat crop in the United States attained the record of 635,000,000 bushels, but the spring grown yielded only 205,000,000 bushels, making a total wheat production of 840,000,000 bushels. This figure was surpassed in 1915, when 1,026,000,000 bushels were harvested, of which 352,000,000 bushels were spring-sown wheat. As the Government has guaranteed \$1 per bushel on country railway stations to growers, the authorities will not be overjoyed probably if a record yield is gathered.

## JAYA SUGAR.

The European war has brought about very exceptional conditions in the Dutch Island of Java. The efforts made by the Germans who suppressed all transit in the Far East, have been felt most severely by Java than in any other great sugar producing country. Not many years ago (says the "Louisiana Planter") Java rated below Cuba in its sugar production, but with the Spanish war Java at once became the largest cane-sugar producer that traded with the world at large. With independence acquired by the Republic of Cuba, the situation there quickly changed, and that island at once forged ahead of Java, the production of sugar in Cuba being about three million tons in the year 1915-16, as against that of Java of about 1,200,000 tons. In 1916-17, Cuba again produced a little over three million tons, but Java went up almost to 1,600,000 tons, some 400,000 tons larger than her previous crop, and the crop of 1917-18, reaching in Cuba 3,350,000 tons, was double that of Java for the same year, which reached almost 1,800,000 tons.

## PELEPAH VALLEY RUBBER.

The twelfth annual ordinary general meeting of the Pelepa Valley (Johns) Rubber Estates, Ltd., was held in London on December 30. Sir Byron Mather, K.B.E., chairman of the company, presiding. The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the report and accounts, said: "The amount of rubber harvested during the year was 368,720 lbs., against an estimated crop of 400,000 lbs. Owing to the unfavourable conditions prevailing, we decided not to press the output, but tapping of the estate will become normal during the current year. The percentage of 'first lates' shows a further advance to 52.73 per cent—an improvement of 8.39 per cent over last year's figure of 32.34 per cent. This is accounted for by the improved manufacturing and curing facilities provided by the rebuilt factory. The all-round price obtained was £9/d., but a very large proportion of the crop was unsold at the close of the financial year, due, as already pointed out, to lack of transport. The estimated output for the current year has been placed at 400,000 lbs., and for the first seven months the amount collected was 191,000 lbs. The cost of production for the period under review came out at £14/d. per lb., as compared with £12/d. last year—an increase of 12d. per lb., due to a general advance in the cost of labour and materials. The total all-in cost is £14/d., as compared with £12/d. last year—an increase of 12d. per lb. The profit for the year, including the balance brought forward from last year, amounted to £0.40/d. From this account your directors have already distributed a dividend of 5 per cent, less tax, and we now propose to write off the whole of the debenture interest and expenses, to transfer £2,000 to reserve account and to carry forward the balance of £3,478 to next account, subject to liability to income tax. Your board regret they are unable to recommend the distribution of any further dividend at present."

My duty is to put the facts before you in figures of the year's working. The output was 454,948 lbs. of rubber, or 4,800 lbs. more than in the previous year. The gross average price realised was £1.10/d., as compared with £1.74/d. last year, and the f.o.b. cost was £1.10/d., as compared with £1.80/d. last year. This works out at a difference against us of £27,013 on the year's drop. The gross average price was responsible for a loss to us of £16,293, as you will see from the accounts. We realised by rubber sales last year £57,927 and this year £41,634.

## COMMERCIAL.

AUSTRALIAN WOOL.

In the United Kingdom it is believed that wool sales will be resumed in June next, and there is a suggestion that Government owned wool be offered. This has led to the raising of the question of Australian manufacturers being able to secure wool at auction. It is scarcely conceivable that the British Government will decide to retain the whole of its reserves. Amongst wool growers in Australia there is an impression that good prices will be maintained beyond the period of Government release, for the reason that stocks for civilian clothing will need to be very greatly augmented upon army demobilisation.

## REVIVING THE GOLD MINING INDUSTRY.

Steps are being taken by the Victorian Chamber of Mines to hold a conference of those interested in gold mining in Australia, to be held in Melbourne about the end of January (says the Melbourne "Age"). It is intended to advocate a definite policy for the industry and to appoint a deputation to lay before the Acting Prime Minister (Mr. W. A. Watt) the actual position of gold mining. The following proposals for improving the industry will be considered at the conference: (1) That a gold producers' association, with a central committee, be formed to look after the special interest of Australian gold producers; that the association demand the removal of the embargo on the export of new gold; that the Federal and Imperial Government pay a subsidy on gold production proportional to the increase in working costs since 1914; that the Repatriation Department subsidise trifling parties composed of returned soldiers; that the association organise the co-operative buying and distribution of all gold mining stores; that the Federal Government subsidises the State Railway Departments to allow of the carriage of stores at reduced rates; that the Federal Government be urged to encourage gold prospecting by (a) removal of restrictions on the flotation of gold-mining companies; (b) subsidies to prospecting parties, consisting of returned soldiers, in West, North, and Central Australia; (c) construction of dams, weirs, water holes, and other means of conserving water in West, North, and Central Australia to serve the gold and pastoral industries.

## BEKOH RUBBER ESTATES.

The sixth ordinary general meeting of the Bekoh Rubber Estates, Ltd., was held in London on Sir Ernest W. Birch, K.C.M.G. (the chairman), presiding.

The Chairman said: Gentlemen—I will first ask your attention to the items on the debit side of the profit and loss account. There is an increase in office expenses. The salaries of our staff in London have been increased, and, quite apart from the enhanced cost of living, the increments given are well deserved. I have experience of the London working of other rubber companies, and I do not think that our small staff has anything to learn from them. Under postage and general expenses there is a slight increase, which is chiefly due to increased cost of stationery. Government rent is £71 more, but the Government duty on rubber is £315 less, and the items travelling expenses, reports on estate and war charities are all less. Depreciation is more by £300, and the item upkeep of immature areas, which appeared on this side of last year's profit and loss account, has this year been transferred to the assets side of the balance sheet. It is about £500 more than last year. The balance carried to balance sheet is only £6,547 as compared with £28,616. This serious falling off necessitates the passing of the dividend. Speaking generally, the decrease is due to the great fall in the price of rubber, which prevented the making of forward contracts, and to the great rise in the cost of wages and all materials. You gentlemen know so much about the shortage of freight, the miserable condition of the local market and the difficulties of labour in the East that I will not expatiate upon them. The local market has improved. America has started to relax restrictions to a certain extent, labour is coming more freely into Malaya, and shipping will gradually become more available. Finally, this assured war is over, and there should be a great demand for rubber at more remunerative prices.

My duty is to put the facts before you in figures of the year's working. The output was 454,948 lbs. of rubber, or 4,800 lbs. more than in the previous year. The gross average price realised was £1.10/d., as compared with £1.74/d. last year, and the f.o.b. cost was £1.10/d., as compared with £1.80/d. last year. This works out at a difference against us of £27,013 on the year's drop. The gross average price was responsible for a loss to us of £16,293, as you will see from the accounts. We realised by rubber sales last year £57,927 and this year £41,634.

## HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

HONGKONG, 28TH FEBRUARY, 1919.

## OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

	11 A.M.
BANKE	£765/-
Hongkong Banks	£765/-
MARINE INSURANCE	
Canton Ins.	£410 b.
North China Ins.	T. 124 b.
Union Ins.	£1028 b.
Yantze Ins.	£310 b.
FAR EASTERS	T. 26 b.
FEAR INSURANCE	
China Fire Ins.	£175 b.
Hongkong Fire Ins.	£355 b.
SHIPPING	
Douglas	£634 b.
H.K. Steamships	b. 21/204
Ledo Chinas (Prel.)	£313 b.
Do. (Det.)	£158 b.
Shell Transports	165/62 b.
Star Ferries	£37 b.
RENTALS	
China Sugars	£18 b.
Malabar Sugars	£35 b. exdiv.
MINTS	
Kailan Mining Adm.	47/- b.
Langkais	T. 23 b.
Rambo	£3 b.
Troch Mines	40/- b.
URAL CAVPIANS	DOVER WHARVES, Godowns, &c.
H. & W. Wharfs	£115 b.
H. & W. Docks	£160 b.
Shad Docks	T. 133 b.
New Engineering	T. 234 b.
LAWES HOTELS & BUILDINGS	
Central Estates	£101 b.
Hongkong Hotels	£90 b.
Hongkong Lands	£100 b.
Humphreys	£7 b.
Kowloon Lands	£33 b.
Land Reclamation	T. 175 b.
West Points	£88 b.
COTTON MILLS	
Two Cottons	T. 187 b. 124 sev.
Kung Fiks	T. 149 b.
Laon Kow Mows	T. 120 b.
Oriental Mills	T. 187 b.
Shanghai Cottons	T. 180 b. 157 as
Yangtzejeepe	T. 94 b.
MISCELLANEOUS	
Cement	£3.00 b. 9.25
China-Borneos	£3.00 b.
China Lights	£3.00 b.
China-Providents	£3.00 b.
China-Prudential	£3.00 b.
H.K. Electric	£7.1 b.
H.K. Electrics	£3.33 b.
Hengkong Ropes	£404 b. 40.50 b.
H.K. Tramways	£8 b. 8.18 b.
Peak Tramways (Old)	£7.15 b.
do. (New)	£7.10 b.
Steam Laundry	£3.60 b.
H.K. Steel Foundries	£12 b.
Water-boats	£124 b.
Watsons	£310 b.
Powells	£38 b.
Wisemens	£27 b.

## SINGAPORE RUBBER SHARE MARKET.

## MESSRS. FRAZER AND CO.'S QUOTATIONS.

SINGAPORE, Feb. 8.	
Aier Gajah (\$1)	3.50 3.65
Amal. Maisy (pd.)	2.25 2.40
Ayer Hitam (\$5)	13.00 14.00
Ayer Karang (\$1)	1.25 1.45
Ayer Molek (\$1)	2.50 2.60
Ayer Pasca (\$5)	10.00 10.75
Balgownie (\$1)	5.00 5.25
Basset (\$1)	.90 1.05
Batang Benar (\$10)	14.00 15.00
Batu Lintang (\$10)	1.10 1.25pm
Bukit Jelotong (\$1)	0.85 0.75
Bukit Kastil (\$1)	1.00 1.10
Bukit Kepong (\$2)	2.65 2.75
Bukit K. B. (\$1)	0.65 0.75
Bukit Timah (\$10)	11.00
Changkat S'dang (\$5)	7.50 8.08
Glenase Pines (\$1)	1.90 2.10
Haylor (83)	7.00 8.00
Indragiri (\$5)	7.00 7.30
Jeram (\$1)	1.35 1.45
Jimah (\$1)	1.70 1.85
Kamalan (\$2)	4.25 4.50
Kedah (\$1)	2.40 2.60
Keleman R. (\$5)	6.50 7.00
Kempas (\$2)	7.75 8.15
Kluang (\$5)	5.50 6.00
Lanas (\$5)	8.00 8.10
Malida Fonds	2.55 2.85
Malakoff (\$2)	4.40 4.60
Mandal-Tekong (\$1)	0.70 0.80
Merlim (\$5)	5.90 6.25
New Serendah (\$2)	4.00 4.25
Nyalas (\$5)	7.50 8.00
Pajam (\$5)	11.00 12.00
Pantai (\$1)	1.50 1.60
Parit Perak (\$1)	2.60 2.75
Perak River (\$1)	2.60 2.75
Pulau Balang (\$10)	3.75 4.10
Pungkor (\$1)	0.70 0.80
Radeli (\$5)	10.00 10.75
Sandycroft (\$2)	3.85 4.10
Sendal (\$5)	7.50 8.00
Simbang (\$1)	0.25 0.35
Sungei Bagan (\$1)	3.60 3.85
Sungei Patani (\$1)	0.40 0.55pm
Tambak (\$1)	1.00 1.10
Tapah (\$10)	17.00 18.00
Talok Aman (\$5)	11.25 12.00
Tawak (\$1)	1.10 1.30
Unif. Malacca (\$1)	1.25 1.35
Unti Simpan (\$1)	3.05 3.35

## EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, February 28, 1919.

## INTIMATIONS.

PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY LIMITED.

## TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS	
7.00 a.m.	8.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes
8.00 a.m.	9.30 a.m. Every 10 minutes
9.30 a.m.	10.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes
10.30 a.m.	11.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes
11.30 a.m.	12.30 p.m. Every 30 minutes
12.45 p.m.	1.15 p.m. Every 10 minutes
1.45 p.m.	2.15 p.m. Every 10 minutes
2.45 p.m.	3.15 p.m. Every 10 minutes
3.45 p.m.	4.00 p.m. Every 30 minutes
4.45 p.m.	5.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes
5.45 p.m.	6.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes
6.45 p.m.	7.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes
7.45 p.m.	8.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

## PARLIAMENT.

## ENQUIRY INTO MINERS' CLAIMS.

LONDON, February 28th.  
In the House of Commons, the Premier, introducing a Bill setting up a Commission to inquire into the conditions of the coal industry, asked the House to pass the measure to-day, because the matter was urgent.

The Premier emphasised that an inquiry was absolutely necessary before the miners' demands could be granted. As regards demobilisation, he said that the miners had been given priority over all the other industries. Over 900,000 miners had already been demobilised.

The terms of demobilisation given to the miners were more generous than those given anywhere in Europe.

The Premier emphasised that the miners' demands in connection with demobilisation might increase the burden of the community, but he expressed his willingness to discuss them.

The miners' demands were more serious and more permanent in character.

The grant of a six-hour day instead of an eight-hour day would mean the reduction of one-third in the effective hours.

Labour cries of "No" were heard, and the Premier retorted: "That's another argument for the Court of Inquiry."

The Government were advised that the granting of the miners' demands might result in throwing scores of thousands, perhaps hundreds of thousands, of men from other industries out of employment and might cripple our export trade in coal, iron, steel and machinery, as well as our shipping—all trades on which the strength and prosperity of Great Britain largely depended. Possibly, the Government's figures were inaccurate and that was the reason for the Inquiry.

The Premier pointed out that the pit-mouth price of coal in Great Britain was now £1s., compared with 11s. in America.

The granting of the miners' demands would increase the price in Great Britain to 2s.

The demands had already resulted in one losing huge orders from Brazil, where, before the war, we practically dominated the market. We were losing orders also in the Argentine. This was especially important, because the ships which carried coal to the Argentine used to bring back meat, and we should lose this trade.

We had come to a very, very serious turning point in our trade, and if hundreds of thousands of people idle in industries and in the export trade on which we depended more than any other country, the miners would be immediately affected.

He declared that the objects of the miners' demands were to meet the increased cost of living and prevent unemployment by providing more work, but if his figures were correct the demands would increase the cost of food; and increase unemployment. Nobody would be more delighted than the Government if the figures proved inaccurate, but the closest inquiry was necessary.

## AVIATION.

LONDON, February 27th.  
Major-General Sir F. H. Sykes, Controller General of Civil Aviation, in a speech in London dealing with the imperial aspects of commercial aviation, said that the Atlantic had great attractions, but travel between Cairo and Calcutta, Calcutta and Singapore, and Singapore and Australia were far more important.

They had been engaged for some time in mapping out stages of an aerial route to Australia from Cairo via Karrakal, Singapore and the Sunda Islands. Carefully planned pioneer flights along the route as far as Karachi, Delhi and Calcutta had already been made and very valuable experience gained.

The draft of the International Aerial Convention was being discussed in Paris with the representatives of the Dominions. The convention had to be approved by the Peace Conference after agreement with the Allies.

The organisation of mail and trade routes and services on international lines should then be possible, and a comprehensive system of aerial communication should be rapidly established.

## GERMAN SITUATION.

COPENHAGEN, February 28th.  
A telegram from Dusseldorf, dated February 24th, states that bands of Spartacists interfered with the municipal elections. Simultaneously, they appeared at the polling booths last evening armed with rifles and hand grenades, seized the voting returns and electoral lists, and burned them in the street or threw them into the Rhine.

BERLIN, February 23rd.  
Herr Necke says that reports have been received that Spartacist movements throughout the Empire are daily increasing.

The power at Munich is in the hands of the so-called Central Council composed of three Socialist parties.

*Vorwärts* and another Socialist newspaper, however, state that the Communists left the Central Council, relinquished all offices, and that an attempt is being made to form a Government composed of Majority and Independent Socialists.

COPENHAGEN, February 4th.  
A telegram from Berlin states that the militia at Muelheim, in the Ruhr District, which refused to fight the Government troops, dissolved the Spartacist Soldiers' Council and elected a pro-Government Council, which has begun to disarm the Spartacists.

The Government have decided to repeal certain law in Karlsruhe, as the situation has improved.

## PUGILISM.

LONDON, February 28th.  
At the National Sporting Club, in the British featherweight championship, Nancy Lee beat Danny Morgan on points, the winning the Lonsdale Belt outright. Billy Fox, who was matched to meet Lee in this championship match, broke his arm during training last week and was replaced by Morgan.

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail)

## U.S.A. AND THE LEAGUE.

WASHINGTON, February 28th.  
In the Senate, Mr. Lewis, Democratic Whip, maintained that the League of Nations did not contravene the Monroe Doctrine. He said that the opposition in Congress had been inspired by personal political antagonism to President Wilson.

Replying to the assertion that Great Britain and the Dominions could outvote the United States, Mr. Lewis pointed out that there were eleven American Republics, and that the United States, with Central and South America, could outvote the European States by 9 to 5, if each of the British Colonies had a vote.

Mr. Lewis deplored the suggestion of dismobilisation, pointing out that every action of the Allies proved the falsity of this fact.

## OUR LOST GUNS.

LONDON, February 28th.  
In the House of Commons, replying to Colonel Barn, Mr. Bonar Law stated that Great Britain is demanding the immediate return of all British guns captured by the Germans.

## TEA FREE.

LONDON, February 28th.  
The Food Controller has decided to suspend, from March 2nd, the orders governing the distribution and price of tea.

## SEAFARERS' FEDERATION.

LONDON, February 28th.  
The Conference of the International Seafarers' Federation opened at Westminster to-day. Mr. Havelock Wilson presiding. Nine countries were represented.

Holland refused to attend because the Central Powers had not been invited.

## ITALIAN AND AUSTRIAN NAVAL LOSSES.

Rome, February 24th.  
*La Carriera d'Italia* states that Italy lost, during the war, one Dreadnought, two battleships, five auxiliary battle-cruisers, eight destroyers, five torpedo-boats, seven submarines, nine submarine chasers and seventeen miscellaneous vessels.

Austria lost one Dreadnought, two battleships, two torpedo-boats, seven destroyers, twenty submarines and thirteen miscellaneous vessels.

## BRITISH IMPORTS.

LONDON, February 28th.  
In the House of Commons, replying to Col. Hamble, Lord Richmond, representing the Board of Trade, stated that the restrictions on imports were being removed as quickly as possible—consistent with the safeguarding of British interests and the general blockade policy of the Allies.

## PRESIDENT WILSON.

BOSTON, February 28th.  
The George Washington, with President Wilson aboard, has arrived in the roadstead. The steamer narrowly avoided grounding in a fog, shortly before her arrival.

## SPAIN.

MADRID, February 28th.  
The Romances Cabinet has resigned. The King has requested the Premier to remain in office until the Budget is passed.

## VISITORS AT THE HOTELS.

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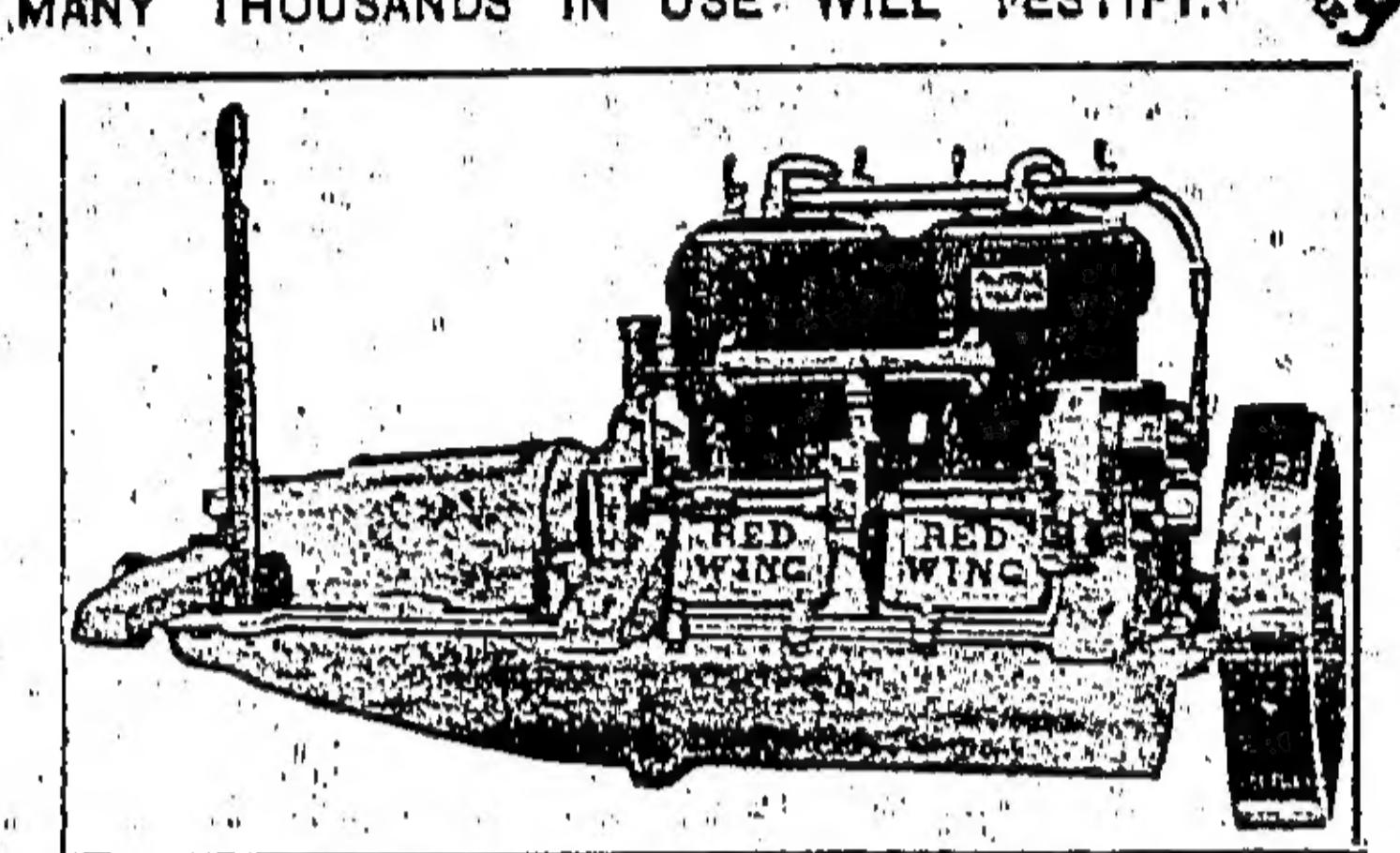


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It is notified that all restrictions as to the use of wireless telegraphy by Merchant Vessels on the China Station have been abolished.

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No unofficial letter addressed to Abdalan, Abawaz or Mohammorah in the Persian Gulf may exceed eight ounces in weight.

The insured letter and insured parcel services between Egypt (or in transit through Egypt) and Cyprus are temporarily suspended.

Uninsured parcels for the United Kingdom will in future be forwarded from Hongkong in bags and the public are therefore advised to pack such parcels very carefully.

Registered and Parcel Mails close 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated.

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SATURDAY, March 1.  
Straits—Per DILWAER.

OUTWARD MAILED.

SATURDAY, March 1.  
Japan via Nagasaki—Per DAIRISHI MARU, 8 a.m.  
Japan via Kobe—Per KOYEI MARU, 10 a.m.  
Amoy, Swatow and Straits—Per PHRANANG, 10 a.m.  
Shanghai, North China, Japan via Nagasaki, Canada, United States, and EUROPE via San Francisco—Per AFERICA MARU, Registration 9 a.m., Letters 10.30 a.m.  
Shanghai and North China—Per CHENAN, 2 p.m.  
Weihaihe and Dalny—Per HOIHOW, 3 p.m.  
Amoy, Shanghai and North China—Per TAIJAMOER, 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, March 2.  
Shanghai and North China—Per DILWAER, 9 a.m.  
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa—Per KEEUNG, 9 a.m.  
—Per AMAKUSA MARU, 9 a.m.

TUESDAY, March 4.  
Swatow, and Bangkok—Per HUPEH, 9 a.m.  
Amoy, Shanghai and North China—Per WENCHOW, 3 p.m.  
Shanghai and North China—Per TEAN, 3 p.m.  
Bangkok, Java and Port Moresby via BATAVIA—TJKIWI, 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, March 5.  
Shanghai, North China, Japan via NARASAKI, HOKOHO, Canada, United States, Central and South America, and EUROPE via San Francisco—Per SHINTO MARU, Registration 9 a.m., Letters 10.30 a.m.  
United States, Central and South America, and EUROPE via San Francisco—Per BINTUNG, Registration 5 p.m., March 6, Letters 9.30 a.m.

THURSDAY, March 6.  
Haiphong—Per KAIKONG, 9 a.m.  
Shanghai and North China—Per SUNNING, 11 a.m.

FRIDAY, March 7.  
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per HALONG, 1 p.m.  
Philippine Islands—Per LOONGSAM, 2 p.m.

SATURDAY, March 8.  
Shanghai and North China—Per YINGCHOW, 2 p.m.

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